



Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	Department of Conservation and Recreation
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation	4 VAC 5-36
Regulation title	Standard Fees for Use of Department of Conservation and Recreation Facilities, Programs, and Services
Action title	Amendments to State Parks Fee regulations including Applicability (4 VAC 5-36-20); Parking and launch fees (4 VAC 5-36-50); Admission fees (4 VAC 5-36-60); Swimming fees (4 VAC 5-36-70); Commercial and nonprofit users fees (4 VAC 5-36-80); Camping fees (4 VAC 5-36-90); Cabin fees (4 VAC 5-36-100); Picnic shelters fees (4 VAC 5-36-110); Amphitheater and gazebo fees (4 VAC 5-36-120); Boat storage fees (4 VAC 5-36-130); Interpretative canoe, boat, and paddleboat fees (4 VAC 5-36-140); Interpretive and educational tours and programs (4 VAC 5-36-150); Hunting fees (4 VAC 5-36-170); State park performing arts fees (4 VAC 5-36-180); Environmental education center fees (4 VAC 5-36-190); Miscellaneous rental fees (4 VAC 5-36-200); and Conference center fees (4 VAC 5-36-210) and also adds Administrative and processing fees (4 VAC 5-36-220).
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Summary

Please provide a brief summary of all regulatory changes, including the rationale behind such changes. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

The Department is amending its State Parks Fee regulations including Applicability (4 VAC 5-36-20); Parking and launch fees (4 VAC 5-36-50); Admission fees (4 VAC 5-36-60); Swimming fees (4 VAC 5-36-70); Commercial and nonprofit users fees (4 VAC 5-36-80); Camping fees (4 VAC 5-36-90); Cabin fees (4 VAC 5-36-100); Picnic shelters fees (4 VAC 5-36-110); Amphitheater and gazebo fees (4 VAC 5-36-120); Boat storage fees (4 VAC 5-36-130); Interpretative canoe, boat, and paddleboat fees (4 VAC 5-36-140); Interpretive and educational tours and programs (4 VAC 5-36-150); Hunting fees (4 VAC 5-36-170); State park performing arts fees (4 VAC 5-36-180); Environmental education center fees (4 VAC 5-36-190); Miscellaneous rental fees (4 VAC 5-36-200); and Conference center fees (4 VAC 5-36-210) and also adds Administrative and processing fees (4 VAC 5-36-220). Increases to these fees represent revisions to reflect private concessionaires new seasonal prices, changes to maintain fair market value, and updates to ensure consistency with the private sector.

Family impact

Assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability.

This regulatory action will have an effect on the amount of money paid by citizens to utilize the Department's facilities and services and to participate in our program offerings but will allow for the continued use of these facilities, services, and programs by the public. This increase will maintain a fair market value, a consistency with the private sector, and reflect private concessionaires new seasonal prices.

Statement of Final Agency Action

Please provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including the date the action was taken, the name of the agency taking the action, and the title of the regulation.

The Director of the Department of Conservation and Recreation certifies this final action on the regulation entitled "Standard Fees for Use of Department of Conservation and Recreation Facilities, Programs, and Services" on this day, February 17, 2004. This action has been certified by the Office of the Attorney General as exempt from the Administrative Process Act pursuant to § 2.2-4006A1 related to exemption for regulations fixing rates or prices. Although exempt, pursuant to § 2.2-4006B the agency will receive, consider and respond to petitions by any interested person at any time with respect to reconsideration or revision. The effective date of regulations adopted under this subsection shall be in accordance with the provisions of § 2.2-4015, except in the case of emergency regulations, which shall become effective as provided in subsection B of § 2.2-4012.